

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the official action mailed on November 12, 2009. Please consider the accompanying remarks.

**Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.